



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: After the breakup of the Soviet Union, the Parliament of Ukraine formally declared an independent Ukrainian state on August 24, 1991, which was then upheld by over 90 percent of its citizens in a national referendum; and

WHEREAS: The United States and the State of Minnesota have benefited tremendously from the innovative spirit, rich culture and heritage, and determined work ethic of our Ukrainian-American residents; and

WHEREAS: Ukrainian citizens have maintained a strong commitment to democratic ideals, even in times of hardship, famine, and foreign invasions, and they continue their effort to become a respected partner of the western community of democratic countries; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 30,000 Ukrainian-Americans have made significant contributions to the educational, scientific, and economic successes of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, August 24, 2016, as:

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol
this 8th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE